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Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace to Receive \$3.7 million Renovation and Accessibility Improvements

Site to Close to the Public Beginning May 1

New York, NY – The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce that necessary and important improvements to Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site (THRB) will begin this year. The \$3.7 million project will improve accessibility and provide significant upgrades to life and safety systems. The site will close to the public on May 1. Once the improvements begin the work is expected take approximately nine months.

THRB is a reconstruction on the site of the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States. The home is the site's primary resource; the preservation of the building and its contents is specifically mandated in the park's enabling legislation. The NPS acquired the site in 1965.

The park rangers and volunteers at the site will be visiting sister parks that tell the Roosevelt story, classrooms and community centers in the local vicinity, to continue to bring the inspiring story of the young "Teedie" Roosevelt to the public while the building is closed. Organizations and schools interested in opportunities for a ranger to visit, please contact Ranger Daniel Prebutt at daniel_prebutt@nps.gov for more information. Programs will be available on a first-come/first-served basis, and are based on staff availability.

The public is encouraged to keep abreast of developments by checking our website at www.nps.gov/thrb, following us on Facebook at TheodoreRooseveltBirthplaceNHS, and on Twitter at TRBirthplaceNPS.

About Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, lived at this site from his birth on October 27, 1858 until he was 14 years old. The reconstructed house contains five period rooms, two

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museum galleries and a bookstore. Roosevelt's original birthplace was demolished in 1916. After Roosevelt's death in 1919, the site was purchased by the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association, rebuilt and decorated with many of its original furnishings by Roosevelt's sisters and wife.

How to Get There: Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site is located at 28 East 20th Street, between Park Avenue South and Broadway. The Lexington Avenue #6 subway trains stop at the East 23rd Street station on Park Avenue South. Express #4 and #5 subways stop at Union Square. N and R subway trains stop at the East 23rd Street station on Broadway. Frequent bus service is provided by routes M-6 and M-7 on Broadway, by route M-1 on Park Avenue South and by route M-23 operating cross town on 23rd Street.

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